

## Experimenting With Confederation

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As you read, take notes that summarize how delegates to the Continental Congress answered three main questions about the new federal government.

### I. REPRESENTATION

1. By population or by state?

### II. SUPREME POWER

1. Can it be divided?

### III. WESTERN LANDS

1. Who gets them?

ISSUES: Material needed for understanding bigger issues of U. S. History

1. What was the nation's major financial problem?

2. Why was the national government unable to solve its financial problems?
3. Why didn't Congress amend the Articles so it could impose a tariff?
4. Why do you suppose the central government under the Articles of Confederation was given such limited powers?
5. Historians often reflect upon the value of the era known as the Articles of Confederation. It has been suggested by many that the most important legislation deriving from that era was the Land Ordinance of 1785 and Northwest Ordinance of 1787. Explain why this might be true.